THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) NCCF was nominated by the Central Government in 1985 as the Central distributive agency for Janata Toilet soap for sale through fair price shops/State Civil Supplies Corporations and Co-operative outlets.

(b) The Janata Toilet soap was distributed by the NCCF Regional Office Bombay to State level Consumer Federations leading Consumer Cooperative stores and cooperative outlets including non-member cooperative stores. NCCF had received a complaint in 1986 alleging diversion of Janata toilet soap to private trade. The complaint was vague and could not be verified. Thereafter no complaint was received by NCCF.

(c) Does not arise.

Labour Courts in Rajasthan

2653. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labour courts in Rajasthan; and

(b) the number of cases pending in the courts as on 30th June, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) The Government of Rajasthan have intimated that there are one Labour Court, one Industrial Tribunal and five Labour Courts-cum-Industrial Tribunals in the State of Rajasthan. The total cases pending in these Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals as on 30th June 1988 was 7025.

New varieties of Rice

2654. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack has developed extraordinary and high yielding "Super Fast Rice" suitable for drought prone areas in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the same has been experimented in any drought affected area and if so, with what results?

(d) the number of high yielding varieties of rice developed by this Institute so far; and

(e) what is the impact of these new varieties in the production of rice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Super Fast Variety, 'Heera' (CR 344-1-2) released in Orissa State (1988) matures in 65-70 days and yields 2.5—3 t/ha. It is resistant to blast tungro virus, gall midge and is suitable for upland drought prone areas of Orissa.

(c) This variety has shown good performance in the demonstrations conducted on farmers' fields in Kalahandi. The yields ranged from 2.5 to 3.0 t/ha of paddy.

(d) Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack has developed and released 41 rice varieties so far for different rice growing situations of the country.

(e) The exact statistics on the impact of these new varieties on total rice production are not avaliable. However, the new varieties have been widely accepted and have become very popular.

Import of paper, LDPE Foil etc.

2655. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tetrapak is now in wide use and if so, the quantity of paper, LDPE foil used in 1987-88 indicating number of packages used for different products like milk, soft drinks, fruit drinks, vegetable oils etc.;

(b) whether paper, LDPE foil etc., have been imported and if so, the expenditure incurred thereon, including royalty paid;

(c) whether Tetrapak project is running as per Feasibility Project Report as cleared by Government and if not, the details of deviations; and

(d) whether these deviations in policies and programmes have been authorised by the same comptent authorities which had cleared the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Programme production centre in Orissa

2656. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project work on the first fulfledged T.V. programme production centre in Orissa has been enormously delayed due to non-availability of land for this purpose; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and by when the work on the project is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Commencement of civil works of Doordarshan's TV Studio Centre at Bhubaneswar got delayed because tenders had to be re-invited. The construction work started in January, 1988 and is in progress.

Shifting of overseas Development Assistance Project to Calcutta

2657. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Overseas Development Assistance project for improvement of Vijayawada has been transferred to Calcutta due to local bungling; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to reconsider the decision in order to minimise hardship of long neglected workers of Vijayawada?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No Sir. The Vijayawada Slum Improvement Project for O.D.A. assistance is being processed along with the Calcutta Project.

(b) Does not arise

Permission to Andhra Pradesh for import of pesticides

2658. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh have requested for permission to import more Pesticides as appeared in Financial Express of 10th October 1988;

(b) whether Government are aware that several R&D Units of ICAR/Government of India specially Agricultural Universities in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka have developed effective Biological control methods as effective alternatives to pest control;

(c) whether it is also a fact that All India Coordinated Projects of Government of India and ICAR Units located in Andhra Pradesh have worked out effective Biological Control methods for Cotton and several other crops and if so: the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the control agents are not easily available to farmers due to shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Research on identification, rearing and releases of Biological Control